

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on TOWNSHMD and TOWNSEND and GREW LLP

PATENT PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: 17634-000330US Client Reference No.: E-089-97/5

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Brian R. Murphy et al.

Application No.: 09/458,813

Filed: December 10, 1999

For: USE OF RECOMBINANT LIVE-ATTENUATED PARAINFLUENZA VIRUS (PIV) AS A VECTOR TO PROTECT AGAINST DISEASE CAUSED BY PIV AND RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS (RSV)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Art Unit:

Unassigned

Examiner:

Unassigned

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

RECEIVED

APR 27 2000
TC 2800 MAIL ROOM

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 21, 22, 39, 48 and 50, as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An isolated infectious chimeric parainfluenza virus (PIV) comprising a major nucleocapsid (N) protein, a nucleocapsid phosphoprotein (P), a large polymerase protein (L), and a partial or complete human parainfluenza virus 3 JS (HPIV3 JS) vector genome or antigenome [that incorporates at least one and up to a full complement of attenuating mutations present within HPIV3 JS cp45 selected from mutations specifying an amino acid substitution in the L protein at a position corresponding to Tyr₉₄₂, Leu₉₉₂, or Thr₁₅₅₈ of JS cp45; in the N protein at a position corresponding to residues Val₉₆ or Ser₃₈₉ of JS cp45, in the C protein at a position corresponding to Ile₉₆ of JS cp45, a nucleotide substitution in a 3'

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8